

## Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

June 19, 1899.

essrs. W. S. Steel and  
Leonard Magruder,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized and requested to be present and witness the deliveries between the operative officers and the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans at the close of the fiscal year .

You will note the character and quality of the various classes of bullion delivered and ascertain the amount of gold and silver wasted by the melter and refiner and coiner , respectively, since March 1, 1899 when the present melter and refiner entered upon duty . and coiner  
Should the wastage of either of these officers be unusual or excessive in silver or gold , you will endeavor to ascertain the cause thereof .

You will weigh and count the bullion in the possession of the Superintendent , and place the silver dollars on hand in the vaults , under joint seal of yourself and Superintendent.

When you have completed your duties you will submit a report in writing , giving in detail the result of the examination.

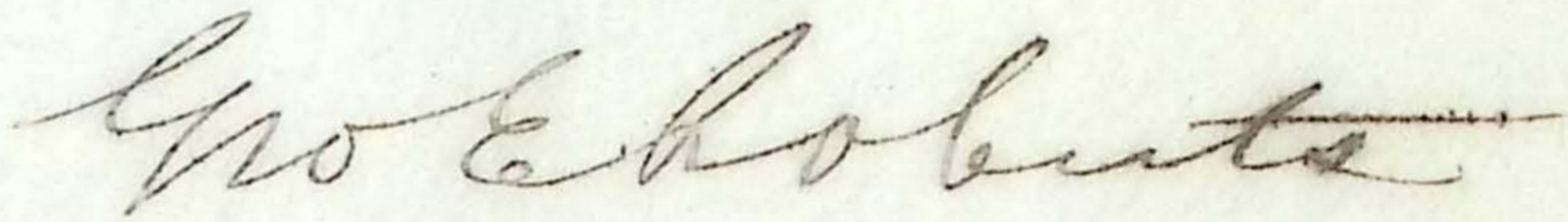
The Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans will be



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structed to afford you every facility .

Respectfully yours,

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Director of the Mint.

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Washington, D. C.,

June 19, 1899.

Steel, Esq.,

Care Mint United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

You are authorized and requested to proceed to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans for the purpose of carrying out instructions contained in letter enclosed herewith .

I enclose herewith orders for your railway transportation from Philadelphia to New Orleans and return . While engaged in this service will be allowed your necessary traveling expenses upon your render an account of the same . It will be necessary for you to render accounts covering these expenses up to and including June 30, 1899 and separate account from July 1, 1899 until your return.

It is desirable that you leave Philadelphia in time to commence weighing and counting all bullion at New Orleans on the 26th instant. I enclose herewith blank form of voucher upon which your expense



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ent will be rendered.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. E. Roberts".

Director of the Mint.

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